

DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:

This assignment requires you to think about your own personal use of language. What has and does influence your speech patterns? What role, if any, has (or does) prescriptive grammar played in your language use? Is there a language or dialect you used to know as a small child that you don't speak so well anymore? Do you remember particular comments or instances where your speech was commented on? After reflecting on these questions, present your autobiography via a multi-genre presentation.

PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT:

Through completion of this assignment you should develop a clearer picture of your personal linguistic traits as well as nomenclature associated with both prescriptive and descriptive grammars. Additionally, you should gain insight into linguistic pedagogy and methodologies for possible classroom implementation. Completion of this assignment will aid your development as a Reading Specialist by expanding your background knowledge of language and its impact on learning.

PROCESS:

There are three basic parts of this assignment: a word cloud showcasing your favorite words, a group of posters that highlight favorite phrases or sayings, and a Voice Thread that incorporates the word cloud and posters via visual, auditory, and written mediums. Below are specific components you are to cover:

- Make a list of your favorite words
 - Words can be chosen for various reasons (you like the sound of them, they evoke an emotion from you, they make you laugh, etc.)
- Create a word cloud (use Wordle or Tagxedo) of your favorite words
 - Save a JPEG picture of the word cloud (you can use the snipping tool on your computer to do so)
- Choose a minimum of 3 phrases or sayings that hold special meaning for you
 - Construct posters that use these phrases as captions
- Create an account on Voice Thread:
 - Follow directions found on the Voice Thread homepage for building your project
 - Upload the word cloud as a slide to the Voice Thread
 - Comment either in writing, video, or text why you chose the words
 - Upload the posters as slides to the Voice Thread
 - Comment either in writing, video, or text why you chose the phrases
 - Comments' Note: choose a medium that you didn't use for the word cloud
 - Upload pictures that support your linguistic autobiography
 - Address the questions outlined in the assignment description via writing, video, and text
- Insert your Voice Thread "Linguistic Autobiography" link into the course wiki Assignments page
 - <http://read7370linguistics.wikispaces.com/Assignments> (post on your personal wiki too)

RESOURCES:

Classroom notes & discussions, web resources, and Dr. Comer's Voice Thread examples:

- <http://www.wordle.net/>
- <http://www.tagxedo.com/>
- <http://voicethread.com/>
- <http://www.glogster.com/>
- <http://bighugelabs.com/>

LOGISTICS:

Due date: Please see calendar for due date located on the READ 7370 class wiki (<http://read7370linguistics.wikispaces.com/Assignments>)

Percentage of course grade and points possible: 25% of total course grade; 100 points possible